pended shows recently as reported in the Hindustan Times dated February 21, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the facts of the case reported therein; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Demand and Production of Cereals

4686. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether total demand of cereals is bound to increase rapidly by 2000 A.D.;

(b) whether estimated production of cereals will meet the increased demand by 2000 A.D.; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c): The existing projections of demand and production of foodgrains imply a growth rate of 3.3% per annum approximately for demand and 3.7% per annum approximately for production during Eighth Plan period. Similar trends are expected to continue till the year 2000 A.D. Thus, the targetted growth in production is higher than the projected growth in demand.

Method of Fertilizer Application

4687. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system of evolving package of practices including recommended dose, time and method of fertilizer application;

(b) if so, the periodicity of their review;

(c) whether the farmers in remote areas of the country are aware of these practices; and

(d) if not, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b): Before the commencement of the Khalif and Rabi seasons, the State Governments, in consultation with the State Agricultural Universities, finalise the package of practices for each crop which includes recommendations on fertilizer application.

(c) and (d): The State Governments through their extension machinery educate the farmers including those in remote areas about the recommended package of practices.

[*Translation*]

Allocation of Kerosene oil

4688. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise quantity of kerosene provided to each State during the last six months upto January, 1992 on the basis of 1991 Census;